


## WHAT IS A 3-D PENTOMINO PUZZLE?

The name pentomino is taken from the greek word penta, meaning "five," and domino meaning two squares joined edge to edge. 3-D Pentominoes are Learning Resources' updated version of this classic geometric puzzle consisting of 12 unique pieces. Each piece is formed by joining five identical cubes edge to edge. The 12 pieces resemble the letters of the alphabet. They are listed below:


## BRAIN-TWISTING FUN FOR KIDS AND ADULTS!

Filled with more than 50 puzzles, this booklet will get you started on mastering the mysteries of the 3-D Pentomino Puzzle. As puzzles are solved and new patterns are created, an intuitive understanding of geometric and spatial relationships naturally develops. 3-D Pentominoes sharpen math and thinking skills through hands-on play!
The puzzles provided are presented by level of difficulty.

|  | Skill Level | Number of Pieces Used |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Mildly Perplexing Puzzles | Level 1 | 2 |
| Brain-Twisting Puzzles | Level 2 | 3 |
| Mind Boggling Puzzles | Level 3 | 4 |

## GOING FURTHER

Create a personalized library of puzzles using 3-D
Pentominoes. Kids like creating animals or things from the 3-D pieces. Younger children will enjoy using the pieces to fill flat outlines of animals like elephants or ducks. Outlines can be traded with friends.

Encourage artistic creativity by tracing around a pentomino piece and creating a pattern or design. Move the block and trace around it again. Continue the pattern until the entire page is filled. You can also try to trace around multiple pentomino pieces. The resulting masterpiece can then be colored and framed!

Note: You can use the back of this booklet as a guide to fit your pieces into the box for storage.

## Mildly Perplexing Puzzles: Level 1





5


1.16


1.18

1.19
1.17


## Brain Twisting Puzzles: Level 2


2.4


2.9

2.10
2.11

2.12


Mind Boggling Puzzles: Level 3

3.2

3.3



3.9

3.10

3.11

3.12


## Super Challenge Puzzle

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## Solutions:


1.1

1.3

1.5
1.7


1.2

1.4

1.6

1.8


1.17
1.19

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2.1

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2.2





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Look for these other fine products available from Learning Resources:

LER 286 Premier Pentominoes
LER 414 Problem Solving with Pentominoes Activity Book, Grades 1-4
LER 2241 3-D Pentomino Activity Book, Grades 4-6
LER 2107 Puzzling Pentominoes To Go

